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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Luyten et al.) Group Art Unit 1647
Appl. No. : 09/574,819)
Filed : May 19, 2000)
For : DNA MOLECULES ENCODING)
CARTILAGE-DERIVED)
MORPHOGENETIC PROTEINS)
Examiner : Romeo, D.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 27 and add new Claims 33-40. The specific changes to the amended claims are shown on a separate set of pages attached hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, the insertions are double underlined while the ~~deletions are struck through~~. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is attached as a separate set of pages and entitled CLEAN VERSION OF THE ENTIRE SET OF PENDING CLAIMS.

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